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Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor 2 and Methods of Use

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 with 4 sheets of replacement drawings (2A, 2B, 2C and 2D) and 4 annotated sheets of replacement drawings showing changes attached;
- 2. Twelfth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b);
- 3. Form PTO/SB/08A (2 pages), citing 18 documents (US14-US20 and FP13-FP23);
- 4. Form PTO/SB/08B (4 pages), citing 35 documents (NPL49-NPL83);
- 5. Copies of the cited documents (FP13-FP23 and NPL49-NPL83); and
- 6. One return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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